

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Minorities Welfare Department – COVID-19 – Performance of Moharram – Certain Instructions/Guidelines – Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 101

Dated: 12-08-2020.

Read the following:

1. Circular No.E1/20/2019-AP, Dated: 22-05-2020 of the CEO, A.P.State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.
2. Orders of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Dt: 30-05-2020.
3. SOPs on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in Religious places of Worship issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI, Dt: 04-06-2020.
4. G.O.Rt.No.280 of HM&FW(B2)Dept.,Dt:31-05-2020, Government of A.P.
5. G.O.Rt.No.288 of HM&FW(B2)Dept.,Dt:05-06-2020, Government of A.P.
6. Circular no. E1/20/2019-AP, dated: 07-06-2020 of the CEO, A.P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.
7. G.O.Rt.No.985, GA (Poll.A) Dept., Dt:12-06-2020 of Government of A.P.
8. Orders of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Dt: 29-07-2020.
9. G.O.Rt.No.352, HM&FW(B2)Dept.,Dt:05-08-2020, Government of A.P.
10. From the CEO, APSWB, Letter No.E1/20/2019-AP, Dt.10-08-2020.

ORDER

In the reference 10th read above, the Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Waqf Board, Vijayawada has informed that in accordance with the instructions of the Government of India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time issued instructions/orders with respect to the preventive measures, to be taken by the Managements to the Waqf Institutions, Staff, NGOs and General Public to safeguard the interest and health of the public to de-link the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. He has requested the Government for issuance of necessary instructions to all the District Collectors of the State in respect of performance of Moharram from 20.8.2020 onwards.

3. Accordingly, the following instructions/guidelines are issued to take precautionary measures in respect of performance of Moharram from 20.8.2020 onwards.:-

(a) General Instructions

1. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 meters) in public places.
2. Use of face covers/masks is mandatory.
3. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for atleast 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
4. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/ handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
5. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to State and District helpline.
6. Spitting in the Premises/Public places is strictly prohibited.

(b) Guidelines during Moharram

1. The performance of Moharram and installation of Alams at Ashoorkhana (Peerla Chavidi) may be permitted with the Mujawars / Muthawallies / Managing Committees not exceeding 10 members in the Fateha and 30-40 members in Majlis by following social distance.

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- 2.The general public / devotees are advised to offer Fateha / Majlis at their respective homes preferably in view of the COVID-19.
- 3.The managing committee / Muthawalli / Mujawars of the Ashoorkhans shall keep sufficient no. of sanitizers at Ashoorkhana (Peerla Chawidi).
- 4.Senior Citizens, children and people with cough, cold or fever should avoid coming to the Ashoorkhanas (Peerla Chawidi) and advised to offer Fateha/ Majlis at Home only.
- 5.People suffering with Diabetic, High Blood Preassure and other Coronary Heart ailments shall be advised to offer Fateha at home.
- 6.Instructions in Vernacular Language on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently near Ashoorkhana (Peera Chawidi).
- 7.The Do's and Don'ts for the Devotees to be announced in loud speaker.
- 8.The last days i.e. 9th and 10th of Moharram (Shahadat) shall be performed only by Mujawars / Muthawallies / Managing Committees not exceeding 10 persons without any public procession with Alams.
9. Slaughtering of animals at Ashoorkhanas (Peerla Chawidi) shall be strictly prohibited.
- 10.Orchestra or musical ensembles, etc. shall be prohibited except Sannai Melam which is a traditional and part and parcel of the performance of Mohorram.
- 11.Muharram fire (Alaava / Agni Gundam) shall be allowed, if traditionally followed.
- 12.Distribution of Tabaruk / Sharbat if any, shall be permitted in sealed packets only by maintaining social distance in a specific time and should not allow the devotees to have it in the premises of Ashoorkhana (Peerla Chawidi).
- 13.Distribution of free drinking water supply stalls shall be prohibited except sealed drinking water Bottles / packets.
- 14.The Management Committees / Mujawars / Muthawallies to display the maximum number of devotees can be accommodated in the Asthanas for Majlis and shall close the gates once the Devotees occupy the slots.

4. Therefore, Government is here by directed all the Heads of the Departments and District Collectors of the State to take necessary action to facilitate the public in respect of performance of Moharram from 20.8.2020 onwards and it should be ensured that all necessary protocols of COVID-19 shall be followed scrupulously.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Special Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Chief Executive Officer, A.P.State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.
The HoDs of All the Departments of the State.
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the District Minorities Welfare Officers in the State.
Copy to:
The PS to Hon'ble Depty Chief Minister & Minister for Minorities,
AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
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